

# Dee-ni' Nuu-wee-ya'

### TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION TRIBAL GOVERNMENT NEWSLETTER

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## **Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Gaming Compact**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Contact: Governor's Press Office

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## Governor Newsom Signs Tribal Compacts and Concurs with U.S. Department of the Interior Decision

SACRAMENTO - Governor Gavin Newsom today announced that he has signed tribalstate gaming compacts between the State of California and the Ione Band of Miwok Indians, the Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians, the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians, the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation and the Tule River Indian Tribe of California. The Governor has also concurred with the Department of the Interior's decision to allow 40 acres in Tulare County to be placed in trust for the Tule River Indian Tribe of California, for the purpose of relocating the Tribe's casino.

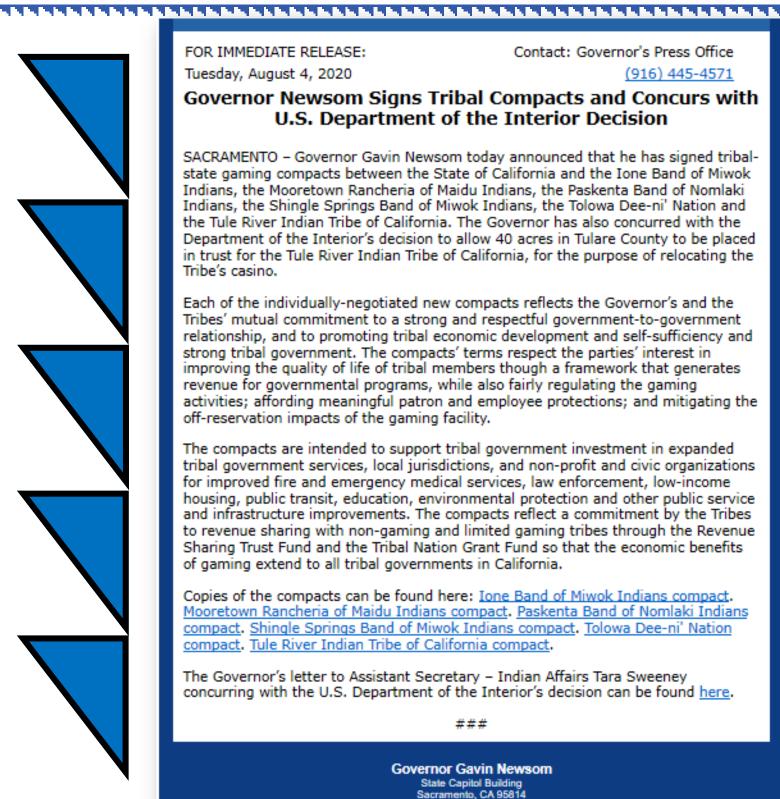
Each of the individually-negotiated new compacts reflects the Governor's and the Tribes' mutual commitment to a strong and respectful government-to-government relationship, and to promoting tribal economic development and self-sufficiency and strong tribal government. The compacts' terms respect the parties' interest in improving the quality of life of tribal members though a framework that generates revenue for governmental programs, while also fairly regulating the gaming activities; affording meaningful patron and employee protections; and mitigating the off-reservation impacts of the gaming facility.

The compacts are intended to support tribal government investment in expanded tribal government services, local jurisdictions, and non-profit and civic organizations for improved fire and emergency medical services, law enforcement, low-income housing, public transit, education, environmental protection and other public service and infrastructure improvements. The compacts reflect a commitment by the Tribes to revenue sharing with non-gaming and limited gaming tribes through the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and the Tribal Nation Grant Fund so that the economic benefits of gaming extend to all tribal governments in California.

Copies of the compacts can be found here: Ione Band of Miwok Indians compact. Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians compact. Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians compact. Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians compact. Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation compact. Tule River Indian Tribe of California compact.

The Governor's letter to Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney concurring with the U.S. Department of the Interior's decision can be found here.

Governor Gavin Newsom State Capitol Building Sacramento, CA 95814



# **Message from Tribal Council**

Dv-laa-ha~ Tribal Citizens,

On August 4, Governor Newsom signed Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's new gaming compact, as part of SB869. Chairperson McCallum testified before the Senate and Assembly G.O. Committees on August 13 regarding the compact. SB869 was amended by the Assembly on August 26, and can now be acted on, possibly August 31. We will keep citizens updated as SB869 progresses through legislation.

Tribal Council held work days with staff throughout the month discussing many topics including the effects of COVID-19 on the tribe. Currently, Lucky 7 Casino remains open with card games closed. The lounge and restaurant are closed to sit-down service, with to-go and curbside pick-up food orders available. Lucky 7 Fuel Mart and Howonquet Lodge remain open.

Following guidance from Office of Head Start, and local school districts, Howonquet Head Start will provide virtual classes to begin the school year, and will be re-evaluated as the school year goes on.

Due to the large number of children that will be doing distance learning this year, Tribal Council approved a distribution of \$450 from CARES Act funding to Tribal Citizen youth, age 17 and under, to help with education needs. Proposals were requested for the new Food Distribution/Natural Resources building and new Tribal Administration building for needed office space, to be funded with CARES Act funding. C&S Design and Engineering's proposal was chosen for the Tribal Administration building. A construction oversight committee was formed, and has held two meetings so far.

Councilor Nelson completed the HUD Virtual Training-Alternate Funding Opportunities. The course focused on how to develop, finance and manage affordable housing projects.

Other meetings Councilors attended during the month included United Indian Health Service (UIHS) Board of Directors, Northern California Tribal Chairperson's Association, Tribal Families Coalition (CTFC), and Border Coast Regional Airport Authority.

Tribal Council would like to thank all Government, Lucky 7 Casino Enterprises, and Howonquet Village & Resort staff for all their hard work and added duties during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please stay safe, practice social distancing, and wear your mask. Slow the spread of COVID-19.







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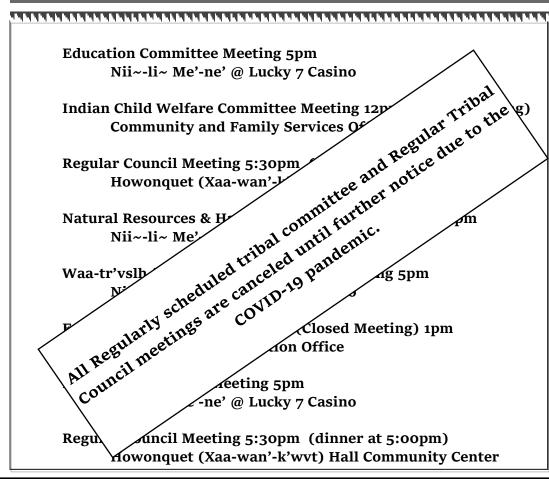
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MISSION STATEMENT: To exert and protect the inherent sovereignty endowed upon the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation to promote our tribal identity, and the wellbeing of our people, community, and environment by building a strong foundation, managing resources, and perpetuating our cultural lifeways and legacy.

# Tribal Council Attendance & Motions — July 2020

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#### July 2, 2020

#### TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION (THP)

THP-2020-036: FY20 Repatriation Grant Agreement approval. M/S/C (Sullivan/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to approve FY20 Repatriation Grant & updated cover letter.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: 0 | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### **PLANNING (PLA)**

PLA-2020-032: LED Lighting Retrofit.

M/S/C (Boardman/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve lighting incentive agreement with Pacific Power, with a one-time payment of \$1,263.63 to achieve estimated savings of \$1,963 per year.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### **NATURAL RESOURCES (NAT)**

NAT-2020-041: Tribal Wildlife Grant application submission. M/S/C (Nelson/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve the Tribal Wildlife Grant Application for hydro acoustic fish counting units for use on the Smith River.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### FISCAL (FIS)

FIS-2020-044: eLOCCs account update.

M/S/C (Thompson/Boardman) 6-0-1 Motion to approve eLOCCS Account for the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) update. 'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum

#### July 9, 2020

#### TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION (THP)

THP-2020-037: National Park Service (NPS) authorized representative update.

M/S/C (Giovannetti/Boardman) 6-0-1 Motion to authorize the Chair to sign and to send a letter to the National Park Service updating our Authorized Representative contact. 'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: 0 | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

THP-2020-038: Authorization for University of Connecticut (UCONN) Repatriation letter.

M/S/C (Sullivan/Steinruck) 6-0-1 Motion to approve 2020.001 UCONN Letter and authorization for Chairwoman McCallum to sign letter on behalf of the Nation.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: 0 | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### **COUNCIL (COU)**

COU-2020-049: July 2, 2020 Working Meeting Minutes were reviewed and corrections made.

M/S/C (Sullivan/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve July 2, 2020 Working Meeting Minutes (WMM) with corrections.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### **NATURAL RESOURCES (NAT)**

NAT-2020-039: Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Enhancement Grant Contract.

M/S/C (Sullivan/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve and sign CT-2040-0977 for services related to IMLS Enhancement project #NG-03-19-0214-19 to establish a native plants seed library.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: 0 | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

NAT-2020-040: Formal grant modification and authorized representative notification letter.

M/S/C (Thompson/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to approve and sign letter for Natural Resources grant projects that will require a formal grant modification to update the Tribe's Authorized Official.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: 0 | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### **COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES (CFS)**

CFS-2020-051: California Indian Legal Services (CILS) Contract amendment for CT-1930-0927.

M/S/C (Boardman/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to approve and sign the contract amendment to CT-1930-0927 with CILS which extends the services to 12-31-20 not to exceed \$45,000 for Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) case management services.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: 0 | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### July 16,2020

#### LUCKY 7 CASINO (L7C)

M/S/C (Thompson/Boardman) 5-0-1 Motion to close dine-in services of the Howonquet Lodge and full service bar at Lucky 7 Casino.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson (5) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### COUNCIL (COU)

COU-2020-057: 7-9-20 Working Meeting Minutes.

M/S/C (Thompson/Boardman) 6-0-1 Motion to approve July 9, 2020 Working Meeting Minutes with corrections.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

# Tribal Council Attendance & Motions — July 2020

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COU-2020-058: 7-9-20 Regular Meeting Minutes

M/S/C (Sullivan/Nelson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve July 9, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes with corrections.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan

(6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (INT)**

INT-2020-056: Tribal 2.5GHz Broadband Application to Upgrade Internet Services.

application and second application to include trust lands and authorize the Chairperson to sign the applications.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan

(6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### **ADMINISTRATION (ADM)**

ADM-2020-062: Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation (Nation) Language Credential LUCKY 7 CASINO (L7C) (s) recommendation form submission for Nation and the State of California.

M/S/C (Giovannetti/Thompson) 5-0-2 Motion to authorize the chairwoman to sign the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation (Nation)

Recommendation Form to submit the Tribal Language Certifications for Pyuwa Bommelyn and Scott Sullivan to California State Teaching Credential Certification Board.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson (5) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum, Sullivan (2)

#### **COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES (CFS)**

CFS-2020-050: To update and amend the current Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) Plan to include payments for reoccurring short term emergency benefits.

M/S/C (Boardman/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve TANF Plan Amendment.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

CFS-2020-046: Tribal Temporary Aid to Need Families (TANF) Grant Application submission.

M/S/C (Sullivan/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to approve submission of Tribal TANF Child Welfare (TTCW) Grant Application and authorize the chairwoman to sign all associated documents.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### PLANNING (PLA)

PLN-2020-052: To amend OLINK NAHSDA Housing Agreement allowing for additional funding of \$28,000.

M/S/C (Sullivan/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve OLINK NAHASDA Funding Agreement Amendment and authorize the chairwoman to sign it.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

PLA-2020-054: Dat-naa-svt audit documents authorization of Chief Financial Officer (CFO) signatory.

M/S/C (Nelson/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to authorize the CFO to sign the Dat-naa-svt Audit documents.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### FISCAL (FIS)

FIS-2020-055: Umpqua Bank Waiver.

M/S/C (Sullivan/Giovannetti) 6-o-1 Motion to proceed with the initial M/S/C (Boardman/Nelson) 6-o-1 Motion to approve Umpqua Bank waiver and authorize the chairwoman to sign documents.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan

(6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### July 23, 2020

M/S/C (Sullivan/Boardman) 6-0-1 Motion to transfer \$412,490 from the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) Loan account to the Lucky 7 Casino account.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

M/S/C (Nelson/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to transfer \$750,000 from the Lucky 7 Casino (L7C) Accounts Payable (AP) account to the Money Market account.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

M/S/C (Sullivan/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to transfer \$80,000 from the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) to the Howonquet Lodge general account.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### COUNCIL (COU)

COU-2020-067: Resolution 2020-32 Gaming Compact.

M/S/C (Thompson/Sullivan) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Resolution 2020 -32 adopting the Gaming Compact.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan

(6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

COU-2020-069: 7-16-20 Working Meeting Minutes.

M/S/C (Sullivan/Steinruck) 6-0-1 Motion to approve July 16, 2020 Working Meeting Minutes with corrections.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan

(6) | Duu: o|Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

# **Tribal Council Attendance & Motions — July 2020**

COU-2020-068: 7-16-20 Regular Meeting Minutes

M/S/C (Boardman/Steinruck) 6-0-1 Motion to approve July 16, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

`Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: o |Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### **ADMINISTRATION (ADM)**

ADM-2020-066: Approve Resolution 2020-034 Adoption of Nation Constitutional Amendment.

M/S/C (Sullivan/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-34 constitutional amendment.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### FISCAL (FIS)

FIS-2020-065: Adoption of Resolution 2020-034 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Covid-19 Budget. M/S/C (Sullivan/Boardman) 6-0-1 Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-34 COVID-19 Budget.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (INT)**

INT-2020-056: Adoption of Resolution 2020-035 Federal Communication Commission (FCC) application.

M/S/C (Thompson/Nelson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-35 Application to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for licensed, wireless bandwidth.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: 0 | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### July 30, 2020

#### **GOVERNMENT RECORDS & SYSTEMS (REC)**

REC-2020-074: Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Social & Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) No-Cost Extension (NCE). M/S/C (Giovannetti/Sullivan) 6-0-1 Motion to approve applying for a No-Cost-Extension (NCE) for the ANA SEDS Grant.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### **HEAD START (HEA)**

HEA-2020-073: 5 Year Health & Human Services (HHS)-Office of the Administration for Children & Families (ACF) grant application submission due 8-01-20.

M/S/C (Thompson/Sullivan) 6-0-1 Motion to approve the Head Start Grant with including updates and corrections.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### **COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES (CFS)**

CFS-2020-099: Approve a No-Cost Extension (NCE) for the

Department of Justice (DOJ) Grant for Substance Abuse.

M/S/C (Sullivan/Boardman) 6-o-1 Motion to approve Chairwoman McCallum to sign a letter for a No-Cost-Extension for the DOJ CTAS Purpose Area 3 Grant.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: 0 | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### **COUNCIL (COU)**

COU-2020-102: Approval of Lucky 7 Casino 2nd quarter incentives. M/S/C (Thompson/Sullivan) 5-1-1 Motion to approve the Lucky 7 Casino Enterprises 2nd Quarter Incentives

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (5) | Duu: Steinruck (1) | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

#### **ADMINISTRATION (ADM)**

ADM-2020-100: Approve Letter of Support (LoS) for Senate Bill: Repatriation and Cultural Preservation (AB275).

M/S/C (Sullivan/Boardman) 5-0-1 Motion to approve Chairwoman McCallum to sign the Native American Cultural Preservation and Repatriation (AB275) Letter of Support (LoS) on behalf of the Tribal Council.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Nelson, Sullivan (5) | Duu: 0 | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)

ADM-2020-101: Letter to Del Norte County Sheriff's Office (DNCSO) regarding confidential Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) compliance matters.

M/S/C (Thompson/Sullivan) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Chairperson McCallum to sign the letter on behalf of the Tribal Council to DNCSO for NAGPRA compliance matters.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan (6) | Duu: o | Xwee-la: McCallum (1)







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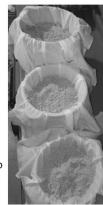
# Ch'ee-nvk-t'i (Announcements)

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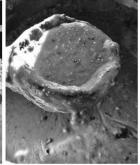


Daa~-xvt-dvn (Fall-time) is one of the best times of year. San-chvn xee-yvlh-sri (Acorns all of us harvest) this time of the year for ensuring sustenance. Sanchvn provides us super nutrients of good fats, carbohydrates, minerals and protein. Eating acorns along with lhuk (fish) gives us that perfect combination of nutrition. Daa~-xvt san-chvn shu' st'ee. (Fall acorns get ripe.) Eating our ancestral foods not only provides nutrition but relationship. A strong relationship fortifies our families, identity, spirituality and understanding. Acknowledging our relationships, models good connection for our children to carry forward.

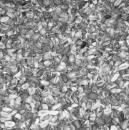














# ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A TRIBAL COMMITTEE?

When it is safe to start holding Tribal Committee meetings again, Tribal Council will be appointing Committee Members from those with current Committee Member Applications on

Please contact the Administration Office for Committee Member Applications at 707-487-9255, or they can be found on the tribal website:



# PUBLIC NOTICE

August 3, 2020

#### ANNUAL DEE-NI' NIGHT AND DAY CANCELLED

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Council has made the difficult decision to cancel the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Dee-ni' Night and Day events in the efforts to maintain the health and safety of Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's citizens and employees.

If you have questions, please contact the Tribal Administration Office at (707) 487-9255 Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

QUICK FACTS

WHO: Tribal Members

WHAT: Annual Dee-ni' Night & Day Events

WHEN: September 11 & 12, 2020 WHERE: Smith River, CA

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation • Phone (707) 487-9255 • Website: tolowa-nsn.gov • Social Media @tolowadeeni

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#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Employment opportunities are now available at Tolowa Dee-ni'
Nation and Lucky 7 Casino. Please call or go online for more
information

To download a Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation application: www.tolowa-nsn.gov/employment/



#### Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

Human Resources 140 Rowdy Creek Road Smith River, CA 95567

Phone: 707-487-9255 Fax: 1-888-468-0134

Email: HR@tolowa.com

To download a Lucky 7 Casino application: <a href="https://www.lucky7casino.com/employment/">www.lucky7casino.com/employment/</a>



#### Lucky 7 Casino

Human Resources 350 North Indian Road Smith River, CA 95567

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Phone: 707-487-7777

Email: employment@lucky7casino.com

# Ch'ee-nvk-t'i (Announcements)



Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Community & Family Services 16299 US HWY 101 N, Smith River CA 95567 Phone: (707) 487-9255 ext. 1191 Fax: (888) 886-4306

#### **April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month**

In order to engage Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation (TDN) families in thinking proactively about child abuse awareness issues and how they can have an impact on preventing child abuse, Community & Family Services (CFS) is hosting a poster contest. The contest will begin **October 1, 2020** and run through **January 31, 2021**.

All qualifying posters will be on display at the North CFS office until the judging is complete.

The winning posters will be displayed at TDN locations and enterprises during the month of April as well as placed in the newsletter and on the CFS Facebook Page.

Theme: "See Something, Say Something"

#### Contest Rules:

- $1. \ \ Posters \, must \, have \, a \, positive \, message \, and \, illustrate \, how \, children \, can \, bring \, awareness \, to \, child \, abuse$
- 2. Any kind of art can be used in poster design: crayon, paint, pencil, and marker
- 3. Suggested poster size 11" x 14"
- 4. Contest entry and poster must be received prior to deadline in order to qualify
- 5. Originals must be submitted pictures of artwork will not be accepted
- 6. No professional or copyrighted images or materials
- 7. Open to TDN Tribal children in grades K-7 who reside in Curry, Del Norte, and Humboldt counties
- 8. Two groups will be judged: grades K-4 and grades 5-7
- 9. Entry deadline: January 31, 2021
- 10. Contest entry forms may be mailed, faxed (number above), or emailed
- 11. Entry forms must be complete and signed by both the parent/guardian and participant
- 12. Qualifying participants will receive a child abuse awareness t-shirt

Contest winners will be notified no later than February 15, 2021 and announced in the March newsletter.

Original posters may be mailed to or turned in at:

North CFS Office ATTN: Monica Calvillo 16299 US HWY 101 N Smith River, CA 95567

Questions, contact Monica at 707-487-9255 ext. 1191 or monica.calvillo@tolowa.com



Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Community & Family Services 16299 US HWY 101 N, Smith River CA 95567

#### Child Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Entry

October 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021 Phone: (707) 487-9255 ext. 1191 Fax: (888) 886-4306

Participant Information	
Child Name (first and last)	
Mailing Address	
County of Residence	
	Message Phone #
Date of Birth:	
	Grade
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Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

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Community and Family Services

Tolowa Dee'ni Nation

#### TRIBAL FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

Native American children are disproportionally represented in the child welfare system

#### HELP OUR FAMILIES SUCCEED BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Community and Family Services is recruiting foster homes to provide long term, short term, emergency and/or respite care.

This is just one of many ways to help a child have the safety and security they need.

**Please** be the change and provide a safe, nurturing home for our children.



#### Learn how you can serve

Contact Community and Family Services at (707) 487-9255 x1403

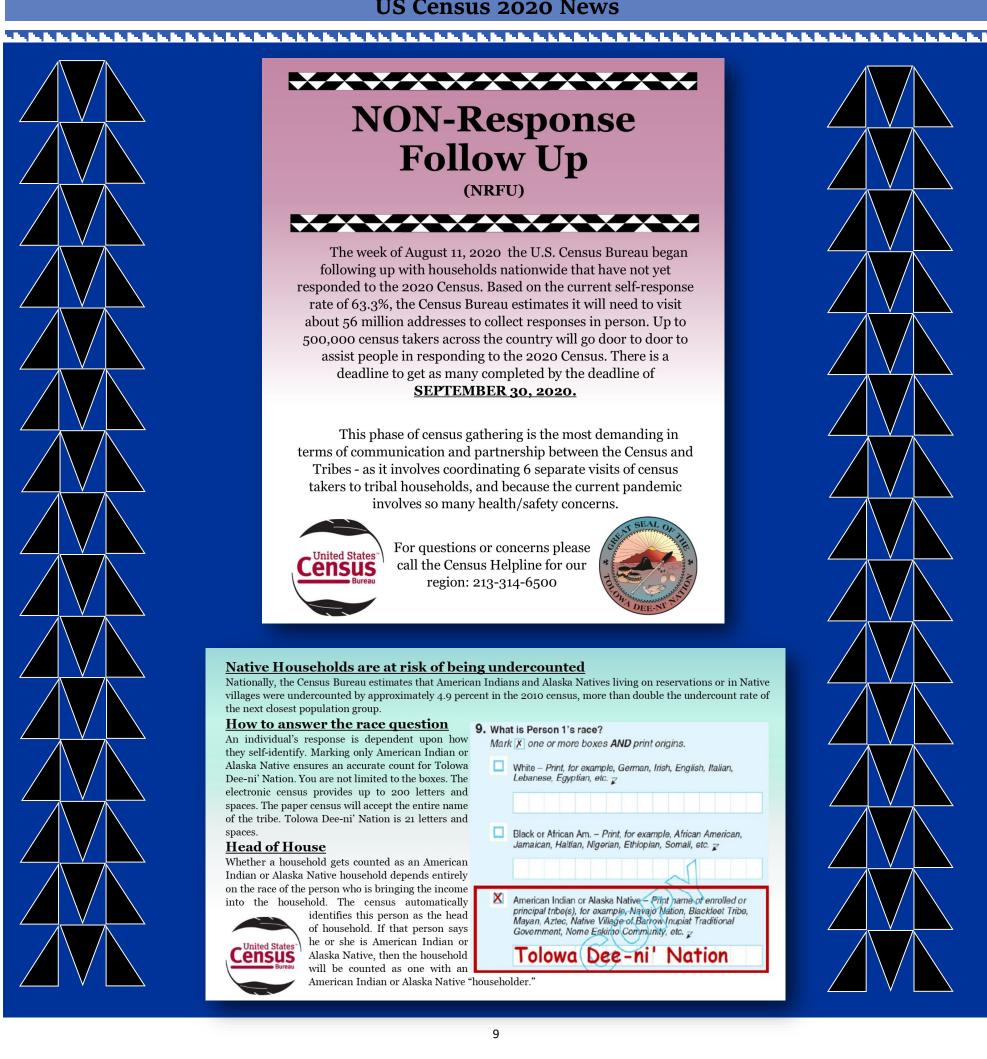
Natalie Mallatt, Social Services Aide.

"Every kid is one caring adult away from being a success story." -Josh Shipp



#### US Census 2020 News

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# **NON-Response Follow Up**



The week of August 11, 2020 the U.S. Census Bureau began following up with households nationwide that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census. Based on the current self-response rate of 63.3%, the Census Bureau estimates it will need to visit about 56 million addresses to collect responses in person. Up to 500,000 census takers across the country will go door to door to assist people in responding to the 2020 Census. There is a deadline to get as many completed by the deadline of **SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.** 

This phase of census gathering is the most demanding in terms of communication and partnership between the Census and Tribes - as it involves coordinating 6 separate visits of census takers to tribal households, and because the current pandemic involves so many health/safety concerns.



For questions or concerns please call the Census Helpline for our region: 213-314-6500



#### Native Households are at risk of being undercounted

Nationally, the Census Bureau estimates that American Indians and Alaska Natives living on reservations or in Native villages were undercounted by approximately 4.9 percent in the 2010 census, more than double the undercount rate of the next closest population group.

#### How to answer the race question

An individual's response is dependent upon how they self-identify. Marking only American Indian or Alaska Native ensures an accurate count for Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation. You are not limited to the boxes. The electronic census provides up to 200 letters and spaces. The paper census will accept the entire name of the tribe. Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is 21 letters and

#### **Head of House**

Whether a household gets counted as an American Indian or Alaska Native household depends entirely on the race of the person who is bringing the income into the household. The census automatically



identifies this person as the head of household. If that person says he or she is American Indian or Alaska Native, then the household will be counted as one with an American Indian or Alaska Native "householder."

#### 9. What is Person 1's race?

Mark X one or more boxes AND print origins.

- White Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc. Z
- Black or African Am. Print, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc. 🗾
- American Indian or Alaska Native Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskino Community, etc.

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation



#### **US Census 2020 News**

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# **Tolowa Challenge Participants**

During the month of August, Tribal citizens were challenged to snap a photo of themselves in the "I am Tolowa and I Count" t-shirts and explain what being Tolowa meant to them. Participants were encouraged to post the photo on social platforms and use the following prompts:

- What does being Tolowa mean to you?
- How do you keep your culture alive?
- What is your favorite Tolowa Tradition?
- When you think of Tolowa Dee-ni', what comes to mind?



I am a part of a Tribe, I come from special people, my ancestors and my family.

-Jenna Lopez

I keep my culture alive by continuing the tradition of regalia making. I do it for my ancestors, for children, for my future grandchildren and my community. I want young Tolowa women who for whatever reason it may be that they don't have their own regalia to have the opportunity to experience dance and to feel the connection so that one day they may be inspired to continue the nee-dash tradition as I once did as a young woman who had no regalia of her own. It took many years but I finally found the best way to contribute to my Tolowa community and to honor my ancestors; through my regalia making.

This is what being Tolowa means to me.

-Andromeda Lopez





August 19, 2020

# XAA-WAN'-K'WVT (HOWONQUET) HEAD START GOING VIRTUAL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Following the recommendations of our local school district and in order to best prioritize student and staff safety, the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Xaa-wan'-k'wvt (Howonquet) Head Start will begin virtual learning services on September 8, 2020. The Xaa-wan'-k'wvt (Howonquet) Early Learning Center will remain closed and no childcare will be offered until further notice.

Information will be sent to parents via email regarding a Mandatory Back-to-School zoom meeting scheduled for **August 28, 2020**. The meeting agenda will cover COVID-19 precautions, school opening guidelines and how to stay in touch digitally.

We know this is very difficult time for our XELP families and community and we will work together to get through this unprecedented time. XELP staff is committed to the student's education and safety and are available to answer questions and concerns.

For more information, please contact the XELP staff at (707) 487-1113 Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

#### **QUICK FACTS**

WHO: Xaa-wan'-k'wvt (Howonquet) Head Start

WHAT: Virtual Learning

WHEN: September 8, 2020

WHERE: Xaa-wan'-k'wvt (Howonquet) Early Learning Program

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation • Phone (707) 487-9255 • Website: tolowa-nsn.gov • Social Media @tolowadeeni

Public Notice # 2020-01-24

# **Community & Family Services News**

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# Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation 2020 Children & Family FALL EVENT

Due to the COVID- 19 pandemic, we are unable to have an inperson fall event (previously during Halloween time); however, in honor of the fall season, the Community and Family Services department (with grant funds from Tribal Child Care Association of California – TCCAC and Child Care Development Fund - CCDF) is providing families with an opportunity to drive-thru and pick up items (board games and snacks) to have their own family game night during the fall season with individual gifts for children 0-13 years in the household. Supplies are limited, will be first-come, first-serve as with past seasonal events until supplies run out.

Date: October 3, 2020

**Time**: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: North CFS Office 16299 US HWY 101

Smith River, CA 95567

Contact: (707) 487-3183





#### Medicare Coverage and Coronavirus

Original Medicare-covered services related to coronavirus

#### Coronavirus testing

• Your doctor can bill Medicare for this test beginning April 1, 2020 for testing provided after February 4, 2020. You will owe nothing for the laboratory test and related provider visits (no deductible, coinsurance, or copayment). This applies to both Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans.

 Virtual check-ins can be used to communicate with your doctor and assess whether you should go to the office for an in-person visit. If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan, contact your plan to learn about its costs and coverage

#### Telehealth benefits

• A telehealth service is a full visit with your doctor using video technology. During the public health emergency, Medicare covers hospital and doctors' office visits, mental health counseling, preventive health screenings, and other visits via telehealth for all people with Medicare. You can access these benefits at home or in health care settings. You may owe standard cost-sharing (like a coinsurance or copayment) for these services but contact your provider to learn more. If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan, contact your plan to learn about its costs and coverage

. If you want to refill your prescriptions early so that you have extra medication on hand, contact your Part D drug plan. Your plan should remove restrictions that stop you from refilling most prescriptions too soon. During the emergency, all Medicare Advantage and Part D plans must cover up to a 90-day supply of a drug when you ask for it. However, plans cannot provide a 90-day supply of a drug if it has certain restrictions on the amount that can be safely provided. These restrictions are called safety edits, and they commonly apply to opioids.

Medicare also covers other medically necessary services, such as inpatient and outpatient hospital care or skilled nursing facility (SNF) care. If you think you are being discharged from a hospital or SNF too soon, you can appeal that decision. Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for help. Contact information for your SHIP is on the next page. Medicare Advantage Plans must cover everything that Original Medicare does, but they can do so with different costs and restrictions.

This document was supported, in part, by grant number 90SATC0001 from the Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. 20201. [May 2020]

#### How to access care during a public health emergency

During a public health emergency, Medicare Advantage and Part D plans must work to maintain access to health care services and prescription drugs.

#### Medicare Advantage Plans must:

- · Allow you to receive health care services at out-of-network doctor's offices, hospitals, and other facilities
- · Charge in-network cost-sharing amounts for services received out-of-network
- · Waive referral requirements
- Suspend rules requiring you to tell the plan before getting certain kinds of care or prescription drugs, if failing to contact the plan ahead of time could raise costs or limit

#### Part D plans must:

- Cover formulary Part D drugs picked up at out-of-network pharmacies
   Part D plans must do this when you cannot be expected to pick up Part D drugs at an in-network pharmacy
- Cover up to a 90-day supply of a prescription at your request
  - Plan cannot put quantity limit(s) on a drug that would prevent you from getting a full 90-day supply, as long as you have prescription for that amount

    Some safety limits are still in place to prevent unsafe dispensing of opioids
- · Make other needed changes to make sure you can access medications without Plans have different options for how to do this, such as lifting restrictions that stop

Contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) if you need help understanding what Medicare covers and how to access care

Local SHIP contact information

SHIP toll-free: 1-800-434-0222 or 1-707-444-3000

SHIP email: HICAP@a1aa.org

SHIP website: HICAP at A1AA www.a1aa.org

To find a SHIP in another state: Call 877-839-2675 or visit www.shiptacenter.org

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# **Community & Family Services News**

## **Family Services**

Child Welfare Service (CWS) is still providing services during the pandemic. We are moving forward with various projects such:

- Kinship Navigator A program to offer information, referral, and follow-up services to grandparents and other relatives raising children to link them to the benefits and services that they or the children need.
- **Mental Health and Substance Abuse during the pandemic.** We are in the process for rolling out services from this new award. We are in the process of developing mental health services to people who need both substance abuse and mental health treatment. This grant is a response to the COVID-19 pandemic appropriated by Congress.
- Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT) The MDT project is helping us develop better responses for children, families and adults who are crime victims by creating MDTs and holistic case plans with victim advocacy. We are arranging a series of staff training that includes the National Indian Child Welfare Association (Working with Substance Abusing Families, Child Protective Teams and Forensic Interviewing); National Native Child Trauma Center (Trauma Informed Case Management); "Being a Good Relative: An Old Path Toward Trauma Informed Care" presentation by the Indian Country Child Trauma Center.
- **Title IV-E Foster Care** We completed an in-service training on our Child Welfare Services manual. Due to changes in Federal regulations, we are in the process of updating our foster care program procedures based on National Model Foster Family Home Licensing Standards required under Title IV-E
- Positive Indian Parenting (PIP) CFS is working with the National Indian Child Welfare Association to develop a program for Tolowa families that is two-fold: Group Parenting Classes and Individual One to One Coaching. PIP focuses on traditional and culturally specific parenting practices and values. We will explore attitudes in a variety of traditional child-rearing ways and apply them to values and challenges of modern parenting skills.

#### **Native American Child Victim Advocacy Services**

CFS's Child Victim Advocacy Project is continuing to provide services virtually and telephonically through the COVID-19 pandemic. Child victim services include but not limited to:

- Crisis Support- emergency food, clothing and shelter assistance. Transportation, medical accompaniment, and assistance with completing agency forms.
- Criminal Justice Support- court and appointment accompaniment, transportation, advocacy on behalf of the child victim, and crisis intervention.
- Culturally-centered therapies- art therapy, and peer support to promote resiliency and emotional healing and wellness.
- Cultural youth group activities provided by contracted cultural specialistsregalia making, practices and protocols, storytelling, and language, just to name a few.
- Ongoing Case Management- safety planning, identification of resources available to the victim, counseling, referral and support advocacy.

These services are available to any Native American child zero to 17 years of age who are a victim of crime and resides in Del Norte, Humboldt, Curry, Coos, or Josephine Counties.



#### Coming soon!

We are working diligently to implement the Positive Indian Parenting Curriculum, developed by National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA). The Curriculum includes parent coaching assistance and parent/ caregiver parenting groups and will be open to the Tribal community. If you are interested in learning more about our services please contact our Child Victim Advocate for details.

Tara Lopez-Eck Office: 707-487-9255 ext. 1216

Cell: 707-954-4544

Email: tara.lopez@tolowa.com

#### **Substance Abuse Program**

The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Substance Abuse Program is happy to announce we have four (4) clients that have reached out and have returned to the program from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic has had on their lives. We are adopting new curriculum that has two (2) Native American Journals and nine (9) other Journals to implement in our phase two of the Substance Use Disorder "SUD" program. Five of our clients have phased up to the second stage of the program and we would like to congratulate them. If you know anyone who is struggling with their addiction or drinking we are here to help. We are an anonymous program and are here to help those who have been struggling through this pandemic. For more information about the Substance Abuse Program, please contact:.

Michael Harling at (707) 487-9255 ext. 1195 Kathleen Daignault at (707) 487-9255 ext. 1172

# **Community & Family Services News**

#### COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES—TANF PROGRAM

Community & Family Services manages a Tribal TANF Program AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE: (TDTP). One of the many services available is Non-Recurring Short Term Benefits. This program may provide some benefits to families facing extraordinary circumstances due to the novel Coronavirus.

#### Non-Recurring Short Term Benefits:

This program is for families that are experiencing a crisis situation or episode of need that would cause the loss of regular full time employment. Families must be within 300% of the poverty guidelines for their household size. The goal of this program is to assist the family with a temporary need to keep them from being on regular TANF cash assistance.

#### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- Must reside in the identified service area of Humboldt, Del Norte, Josephine, Coos and Curry
- One member of the household must be a member of a One memoer of the household must be a memoer of a federally recognized Tribe if residing in Josephine, Coos or Curry Counties (this could be a child). If residing in Humboldt or Del Norte Counties; one member must be a TDN Tribal Citizen (this could be a
- Meet the income requirements for your household size.
- Not currently receiving TANF assistance.
- Payments will not exceed a maximum of \$4000 per eligible
- This program will not extend beyond 4 months.
- Some exceptions apply.

- Child Care Expenses
- Work expenses such as uniforms and tools.
- Mortgage, rent, or other housing expenses.

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- Rental deposit, moving costs or other housing costs
- Educational expenses such as internet access for on-line

To apply for TANF Non-Recurring Short Term Benefits, please contact our office at (707) 487-9255 extension 1131 for an application or visit us at Sri'-srwvlh Mee-ne', 16299 Highway 101 North, Smith River, CA.



### Shu'-'aa-xuu-dvn (In A Good Way Place) The Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program

The Shu'-'aa-xuu-dvn Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program continues to serve community members during COVID-19 Public Health guidelines. The doors to our office location remain closed to the public at this time. The COVID-19 pandemic has presented unique challenges for domestic violence survivors, including intensified insolation and additional barriers to accessing support and resources. Despite these challenges, our department is committed to helping our community through this stressful time.

Currently, we are offering the following services:

- Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Crisis Line: (707) 487-3175
- Peer Counseling
- Legal Advocacy
- Life Skills/Budgeting
- **Housing Advocacy**
- **Emergency Shelter**
- **Emergency Supplies**
- **Community Referrals**

Zak'ry Conger Shu'-'aa-xuu-dvn Program Manager (707) 487-9255 Ext. 1134

# Child Care Assistance Program is Accepting Applications

#### You may qualify if:

• Child(ren) fit the definition of Indian child as outlined:

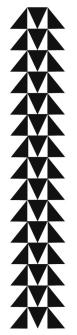
Del Norte and Humboldt Counties: a child from 0-13, who is an enrolled member of TDN **OR** a child from 0-13 years of an enrolled Tribal Citizen (by blood, court decree, or marriage)

Curry County: a child from 0-13 of an enrolled tribal citizen of a federally recognized tribe OR a child (by blood, court decree, or marriage) of an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe

- Child(ren) resides with parent(s) who are working, attending a job training program, attending an educational program, looking for work (limited), or attending an intensive substance abuse program
- Your family falls within the income limits based on your family size

Contact Monica Calvillo at 707-487-9255 ext. 1191 for more information





#### **COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES**

#### CFS Staff Locations

110 W First Street

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program Substance Abuse Counseling (located in modular)

16299 US HWY 101 N

Family Services

TANF

Tribal Services - burial, elder emergency assistance general assistance, medical assistance, catastrophic

You may be eligible for some of the following programs:

#### **Burial Assistance:**

There is a max allowance of \$3,500 for assistance. IF, there are funds left over, the remaining balance may be awarded to an heir, or next of kin to the deceased.

#### Catastrophic Emergency Assistance:

Available to Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Citizens who reside in our 5 county service area ONLY (Coos, Curry, Josephine, Del Norte and

- Payment may be provided to individuals or families who suffer fire, flood, or other destruction of their home and loss or damage to personal possessions. TDN will make payments only for essential needs and other non-medical necessities.
  - TDN Citizen must be 18 years and older
  - Primary residence of the applicant, provide verification
  - Primary residence is within the 5 county service area
  - Apply within two (2) weeks of home disaster

 Completed and accepted applications will be eligible for a maximum allowance of \$500 per calendar year, to use towards an emergency situation. Requests should be discussed with CFS staff before purchase of any items to allow us to verify the need for a replacement item. If an elder purchases fuel or similar items and wishes to apply for reimbursement, this must be within two (2)

#### General Assistance:

Available to Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Citizens who reside in our 5 county service area ONLY (Coos, Curry, Josephine, Del Norte and

• Provides financial assistance to eligible Tribal Citizens with a goal

to increase self-sufficiency. This is accomplished through specific steps an individual will take to increase independence as outlined in his/her Individual Self-Sufficiency Plan (ISP)

\*May receive up to three (3) months of assistance per calendar year.

Medical Assistance (includes hospitalization, medical travel and consecutive/long-term therapy)

#### Available to all Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Citizens

Medical Assistance Grant Awards, annual maximum allowance shall

- \$75 for trips one-way from 50 199 miles, or \$150 for trips one-way from 200 + miles, from a Tribal Citizens home. Payments are not made retro actively: Tribal Citizens have the
- responsibility to request assistance prior to appointment date, or in the case of an emergency, ten (10) business days of the
- Hospitalization Assistance: Available for members or their spouse who are hospitalized. Members or their spouses are eligible for \$100 a day after a verified hospitalization of three (3) consecutive days; up to, and not to exceed, \$1,000 for inpatient treatment. Limited to one per calendar year per member.
- Consecutive Treatment/Long Term Therapy: available for certain life threatening conditions including, but not limited to, cancer, renal failure, neurological disorders and coronary heart disease

NCIDC LIHEAP- Energy Assistance: Contact Monica Calvillo Available to Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Citizens who reside in Del Norte or Humboldt County ONLY

- Tribal Citizen must complete an NCIDC LIHEAP application and submit information specified on application; along with energy bill.
- NCIDC will verify information, approve or deny request.

\*\*\*Due to COVID-19 Social Distancing regulations, you may be able to submit applications to CFS via phone or emai Contact Monica for more information at 707-487-3183.

Please remember that all programs are here to assist members in a time of need AND are made possible with available funding.



# **Education News**

#### **Higher Education Program (HEP):**

As of writing this report, we have fifty (50) students that have contacted the Education Department for their intention of attending college this fall. Earlier this year, we notified all HEP students of the August 15 deadline for the 2020-2021 academic year. We advertised in the newsletter and posted on Facebook and the TDN website.

Native colleges and technical institutes are now offering online programs and courses for free of charge. Some will provide a laptop computer and a hotspot to use for free. Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal citizens have the opportunity to get a degree in Early Childhood Education, Accounting, Natural Resources, Medical, etc. Most of the colleges and universities are opening up as online only for grant and has a ceiling of \$200,000.00 for one year. the 2020-2021 school year.

A few of the Native colleges are: Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute Haskell Indian Nations University California Indian Nations College Bay Mills Native College

For a full view of all the Native colleges try both these links: https://www.eoc.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/New/ NativeAmericancolleges.pdf https://sites.ed.gov/whiaiane/tribes-tcus/tribal-colleges-anduniversities/

#### Dee-ni' Wee-ya' (Tolowa Language) Program:

The Language program is currently dormant but lesson development and curriculum are still an ongoing project. So far we have 10 beginning Tolowa lessons and activities that we will be using in our community class. Community classes will open up after the health department has cleared the region for open to normal activities.

#### Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Library:

The Education staff are moving all library services to an online format. We will start the process of moving activities and books to an online format. The process for check out and online books will be advertised on the TDN website and Facebook pages.

#### **Education:**

Grant Update: The Education Department has been focusing on three different grants.

The 2020 Department of Education Demonstration Grant, which would fund several staff members for the Education Department as well as provide educational, cultural, and language education for our youth. This grant is classified as competitive and is about \$1,000,000.00 per year. Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation has previously received the Demonstration grant in 1990.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs Living Language Program offers funding to increase Tolowa Language online learning resources opportunities. We would like to develop social media platforms for language. For example, a YouTube channel for learning Tolowa, YouTube for a word of the day type format and possibly an Instagram and Facebook page for language and culture. This grant is a one year grant and has a ceiling of \$200,000.00 for the year.

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The Bureau of Indian Affairs Living Language Program goal is a summer Adult Language and Culture camp. This grant would provide a week long overnight camping experience for adults only. A few examples of language and cultural activities would be acorn processing, carving, sand bread cooking, Tolowa language lessons, storytelling, learning and singing songs, etc. This grant is a one year

The Education Department was awarded the IMLS Library grant. The goal of this grant is to offer an online library resource for Tribal citizens and summer book bags with activities for youth. This grant is a one year grant worth \$10,000.00.

The ANA Language grant was submitted on time and we are waiting for a response.

I have made contact with the Brookings-Harbor School District, Central Curry School District, and the Port Orford-Langlois School District to get Native enrollment counts as well as Tolowa Dee-ni' student counts.

#### **Curry County Student Enrollment Count:**

District	Tolowa Dee-ni'	All Native	%	Total Enrollment
Brookings-Harbor	45	204	13	1500
Central Curry (Gold Beach)	6	13	3	462
Port Orford-Langlois	0	9	4	226

#### Johnson O'Malley Program (JOM):

The \$25 JOM school supply cards will be mail out this year. The Education Department will soon mail out postcards to all households with children in the ages of 3 through 18 (Including transitional students.) These postcards will explain the process to follow in order to ensure your child/youth is on the list. If the Education Department does not hear from you, then you will not be mailed a school supply card. Please contact Mattie Castellaw at 707-487-9255, ext. 1550 or mattie.castellaw@tolowa.com with required information. As of writing this report, we have only 45 students that will be receiving the JOM school supply cards.

Lenora Hall, Education Director

## **Natural Resources News**

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On June 5, 2019 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation (Tribe) had been selected to receive \$500,000 in grant awards, through the EPA Brownfields Multipurpose Cleanup Grant Program. Since 2016, Congressman Huffman has expressed interest in the plans the Tribe has surrounding the property and upon announcement of the highly competitive federal grant the Congressman stated, "Like many brownfields around the country, the Xaa-wan'-k'wvt Village and Resort's South R.V. Park in Smith River has real potential to contribute to the local economy," said Rep. Huffman. "This EPA grant will help the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation make this important site usable for economic development once again, benefitting the entire community in the process." Funding will be used to clean up several sites in the 11-acre Xaa-wan'-k'wvt Village and Resort's South R.V. Park in Smith River, California.



Xaa-wan'-k'wvt lies directly on the Smith River estuary, a stronghold for steelhead, Chinook salmon, and endangered Coho salmon; with views of the Pacific Ocean. The land provides critical elk habitat, as well as recreational and cultural lifeway opportunities for Tolowa Deeni' citizens, Del Norte County citizens and visitors. The Tolowa Deeni' have maintained a direct connection with Xaa-wan'-k'wvt since time immemorial. The property, formerly known as the Castle Rock Resort and the Ship Ashore, operated for a century as an economic enterprise with commercial, recreational, and residential uses. The Tribe regained ownership of Xaa-wan'-k'wvt in November of 2016, and has conducted feasibility and environmental assessments resulting in the identification of contaminated sites. In an effort to address public safety, health and environmental pollutant concerns, grant funds will be used to clean-up soil and buildings contaminated with hazardous metals, asbestos-containing materials, and PCB's (polychlorinated biphenyls). In addition, funding will assist in the implementation, monitoring, and enforcement of institutional controls, eliminating and/or reducing human exposure to contaminants.

The Tribe's intention is to continue active stewardship of the landscape through cleanup, redevelopment and restoration initiatives; with a vision to transform the village into a focal point of the surrounding region, while improving the health and safety of our community; contributing to broader environmental preservation and habitat restoration; and increasing local economic opportunities.

Abatement activities are scheduled to begin in September 2020. Activities will include abatement and clean-up of: the South R.V. Park Recreational Hall, the old Ship Ashore Registration office and surrounding parking area, and the existing Maintenance Yard. Clean-up activities will result in the restoration of ~11 acres for cultural, recreational and commercial uses. For more information or to make comment regarding the Xaa-wan'-k'wvt Village & Resort South R.V. Park Brownfields Clean-up contact:

Cynthia Ford, Habitat & Wildlife Manager Natural Resources Department, <a href="mailto:cynthia.ford@tolowa.com">cynthia.ford@tolowa.com</a> (707) 487-9255x1701

Cynthia Ford, Habitat & Wildlife Manager Natural Resources Depart

# Mee-ne' Ghee-na (Home Healthy)



As summer is coming to an end and the days are getting colder, our homes continue to be our safe place to do indoor activities, school projects or just relax. Spending so much time inside is a great reminder that our homes need to remain healthy and safe for us all.

Maintaining air quality in homes is one of the most important factors in a healthy home and it can result in significant healthy benefits to occupants, which can reduce medical costs and improve the quality of life.

Keep Your Home Healthy and Safe				
Every Day	Every Week	Every Month	Every 6 Months	Every Year
Turn on the bathroom fan while taking a bath or shower.	Change and wash bedding.	Check your air filter and replace if necessary. (Replace every 3 months).	Clean your gutters of leaves and debris.	Treat deck/patio for mold and mildew.
Put trash in garbage cans (do not allow to build up).	Vacuum (with HEPA filter) carpeting and sweep/wet clean floors.	Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors (change batteries every 6 months).	Clean your kitchen exhaust fan and filter.	Deep clean and inspect your basement.
Wipe countertops in the kitchen, bathroom and laundry room.	Clean bathrooms and kitchens.	Trim trees and bushes. Clear leaves and debris from around your home and roof.	Test your GFCI outlets.	Inspect screens and replace any that have holes.
Keep floors dry and clean.	Remove clutter. Dust surfaces of furniture and blinds.	Check for water leaks, inspect sump pump (if applicable).	Check all locks and deadbolts on your doors and windows.	Inspect roof for cracks, leaks, or broken shingles/tiles.

Problems such as a leaking sink or broken window seals can lead to damp environments that allow mold to flourish if left unattended. Therefore, regular home maintenance is important.

## Lha'-duy Num-nii~-ma~s (September) Elder Nutrition Program Menu — Howonquet Site

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Chicken Sandwich	2 Chili	3 Chicken Salad	4 Breakfast
7 HOLIDAY	8 Hot Dog w/ Bun	9 Kale Soup w/ Italian Sausage Soup	10 Spaghetti	11 Chef's Salad
14 Macaroni & Cheese	15 Beans w/ Bacon	16 Beef Stew	17 Fish & Chips	18 Ground Beef Taco Salad
21 Bean & Cheese Burrito	22 Tuna Salad	23 Clam Chowder	24 Chicken Enchilada	25 HOLIDAY
28 Vegetarian Chili	29 Hamburger w/ Bun	30 Chicken w/ Rice Soup		

Meals by delivery only until further notice in response to COVID-19 pandemic To reserve a meal, please call:

(707) 487-0215 and press option 3

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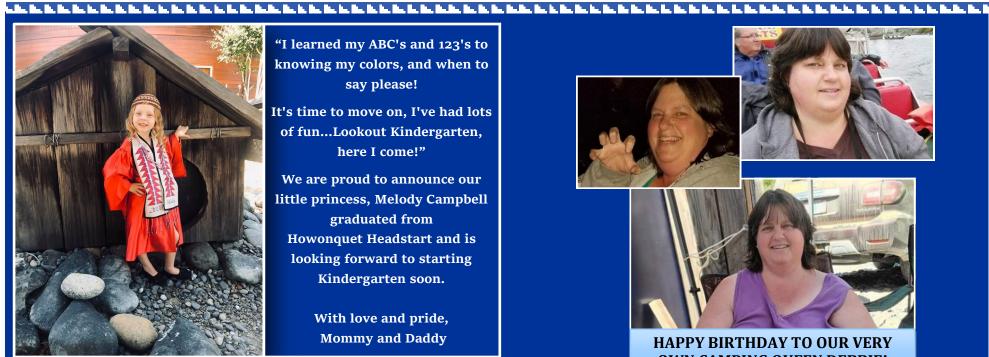
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# Ch'ee-nvk-t'i (Announcements)



"I learned my ABC's and 123's to knowing my colors, and when to say please!

It's time to move on, I've had lots of fun...Lookout Kindergarten, here I come!"

We are proud to announce our little princess, Melody Campbell graduated from Howonquet Headstart and is looking forward to starting Kindergarten soon.

> With love and pride, Mommy and Daddy

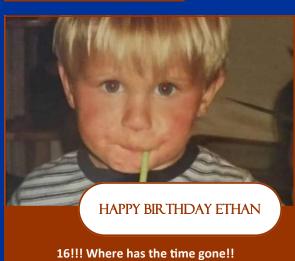




HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR VERY **OWN CAMPING QUEEN DEBBIE!** LOVE, ALL YOUR FAMILY



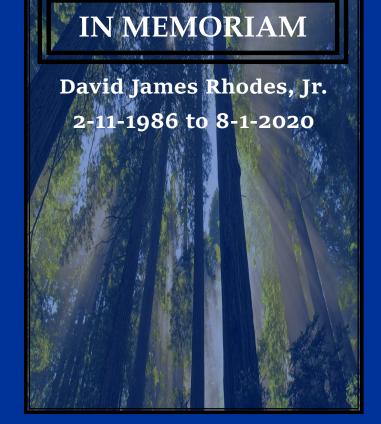




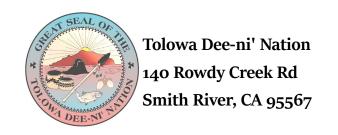
Happy 16th Birthday big guy! We love you to the Moon & Back!! Love Mom, wink, & the family







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